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The Team That Almost Won

In 1974 for the first time Catholic schools were permitted to play in the Section 5 athletic tourneys. Cardinal Mooney High School's basketball team handled the assignment well. It reached the Class AA finals before bowing to East High School.

Mooney wasn't the only the Catholic school to participate in this highlight event of Section 5 athletic activities. McQuaid Jesuit High School and Geneva DeSales also took part in the premiere event of local schoolboy athletics.

Without a first-place basketball trophy in the bag, the teams and their supporters acquitted themselves so favorably that their fans can look forward to their return in future Section 5 tournaments.

A meaningful prize was brought home to Mooney by their cheerleaders who were judged best cheerleading squad in the Section 5 playoffs.

